

# Hughes Jones Harrodsburg ATC and Local Company Partner for Learning Experience and Healthier Workforce

**Health Sciences  
students gain  
valuable experience  
in KY Tech  
Program of the Year**

Nothing benefits a student like hands-on, real-life experience and nothing benefits the KY Tech system of ATCs like community involvement.

In Harrodsburg, the HJH ATC has the benefit of both worlds through programs like health sciences, led by instructors Vicki Long and Patricia Preston and companies like Modine.



**"I think this helps us with hands-on experience while helping the employees learn about their health."**

**Senior Health Sciences Student Nicole Wilson**



**Health Sciences Instructor  
Vicki Long, R.N.  
administers a blood  
pressure screening.**

The two have formed an invaluable partnership in exploring ways to better teach students and to keep employees healthy.

With the help of Modine's Human Resources Coordinator and former HJH ATC student Denise Henderson, the health sciences students started coming to the nearby company to offer blood pressure screenings to employees during work breaks. The program began two years ago and generally revolves around a week long series of health and safety events held at the plant.

"Through the efforts of our company's wellness committee, we try to do things throughout the year to promote health and safety," said Henderson. "Having the students come over two or three times a year is good practice for them and good for our employees too. The ATC provided me a good foundation for my career and I thought this would be a good way to show support for the school."

"Seeing students in the real world with real patients interacting on a positive basis is one of a teacher's greatest joys," said Health Sciences Instructor Vicki Long.





"I think it's good to get out and help people."  
**Tori Bottom, health sciences student**

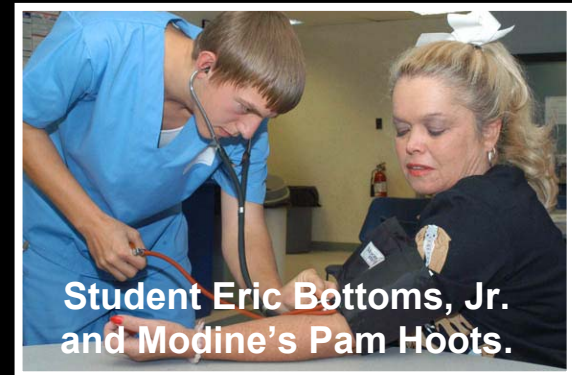


"Most of our experience is in the classroom,  
 but I feel a heightened sense of responsibility  
 when we come here."  
**Student Amber Patterson**

Modine recently received a Voluntary Protection Partnership (VPP) of Kentucky award, which is offered by the Department of Labor.

"The purpose of the VPP is to emphasize the importance of, encourage the improvement of, and recognize excellence in employer-provided, employee-participative, site-specific occupational safety and health programs," said VPP Administrator Joe Giles, RN. "Receiving this award is quite an accomplishment given the tough criteria a company must meet in order to receive the recognition."

"We are one of only eight sites in the state to receive the award," said Pam Hoots, the company's human resource manager.



**Student Eric Bottoms, Jr.  
 and Modine's Pam Hoots.**

"Our wellness program is considered a 'best practice' and a benchmark in the health and safety area."

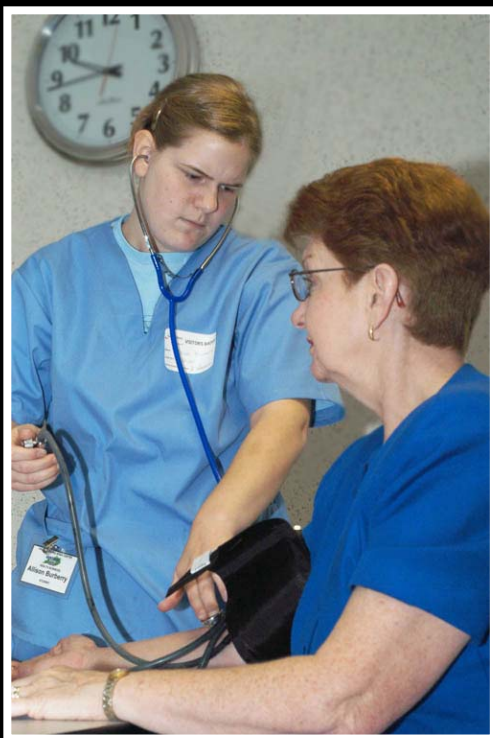


**Instructor Patricia Preston (far left) poses with her students at Modine during recent blood pressure screening session.**

The relationship between the company and the health sciences program has not only provided enhanced health awareness, but has produced a beneficial avenue for the students as they continue their studies.

“Measuring and recording blood pressure is one of the skills those in our Medicaid Nurse Aide program will have to know when taking their state competency evaluation,” said Ms. Preston. “I think this is good practice because the students get to see a variety of readings in a real-life setting. It’s one thing to take readings of each other in class, but quite a different story here.”





"I hope I can do this in the future as a physician's assistant or a nurse."

**Allison Burberry,  
health sciences student**



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The hard work and dedication of Ms. Long and Ms. Preston has paid off and earned their program 2004 KY Tech Program of the Year honors. The enthusiasm of the students and the involvement of community leaders such as those at Modine help fortify the foundation a good program needs to thrive.

This commitment between school and company has become a model in preparatory efforts for students and good health awareness for employees; a win-win situation for everyone.



" This activity helps me to interact with a variety of people. I hope to go into the nursing field someday."

**Racheal Sanders,  
health sciences  
student**